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FOR NEA ATHERTON AND DRAPER FROM AMBASSADOR

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E.O.11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS, IS, LE, US, PBOR

SUBJ: ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL

REF: STATE 89597

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1. UNDERSTAND FULLY ROY'S CONCERN ABOUT PROBLEM A
CONDITIONAL STATEMENT ON WITHDRAWAL WOULD POSE. HOWEVER,
WOULD LIKE SOME GUIDANCE AS TO WHETHER THAT WOULD BE
WORSE THAN NO STATEMENT AT ALL FOR NEXT FEW DAYS. AT
PRESENT, ISRAELIS ARE VERY CONSCIOUS OF DIFFICULTIES
UN IS FACING IN ITS OWN DEPLOYMENTS AND ARE NOT PREPARED
TO LEAVE A VACUUM.

2. WOULD LIKE TO REMIND YOU OF WHAT I SAID TO WEIZMAN A FEW DAYS AGO ON THIS SUBJECT ON THE BASIS OF THE INSTRUCTION IN STATE 83526, PARA ONE. I WENT OVER WITH HIM AT THAT TIME THE THOUGHTS FOR SUCH A STATEMENT SUGGESTED IN THE FINAL "TIC" IN THAT PARAGRAPH. IF YOU WILL EXAMINE THE EXAMPLE IN PARENTHESIS THEREIN, YOU WILL SEE THE KIND OF LINKAGE TO SCHEDULED DEPLOYMENT FOR UNIFIL WHICH I SUGGESTED COULD MEET THE PROBLEM. IN MY DISCUSSION YESTERDAY WITH GUR AND WEIZMAN I MADE A SIMILAR KIND OF ILLUSTRATIVE POINT. IT COULD WELL BE THAT THEY WILL TRY TO MAKE THE CONDITIONALITY MORE PRECISE, AND I WOULD TRY TO RESIST IT. BUT THE REALITY OF THEIR DILEMMA HAS NOT YET TOTALLY PERMEATED THE TOP THINKING OF THIS GOVERNMENT, AND I SEE LOTS OF TROUBLES AHEAD.

3. INCIDENTALLY, IS ANYBODY ELSE BUT THE U.S. TALKING TO THE ISRAELIS ABOUT THIS QUESTION? IF NOT, IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL TO GET SOME OF THE OTHER SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERS TO WEIGH IN, NOT JUST IN NEW YORK, BUT IN JERUSALEM ON THE NEED FOR MUCH MORE RAPID MOVEMENT TO COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL AND THE UNACCEPTABILITY OF CONDITIONING IT. I HAVE THE DISTINCT IMPRESSION THAT THE ISRAELIS AT LEAST BELIEVE THE UN OFFICIALS HERE ARE NOT AS ANXIOUS TO SEE THEM PULL BACK REGARDLESS OF THE STATE OF THE UN'S
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OWN DEPLOYMENT AS UN OFFICIALS MAY BE IN NEW YORK. THERE ARE SOME VERY PRACTICAL REASONS WHY SIILASVUO MAY INDEED NOT BE EAGER TO BE LEFT ALONE TO FACE THE MUSIC AT ITS PRESENT STAGE OF DEPLOYMENT STRENGTH.

4. WILL DISCUSS THIS TOPIC FURTHER BY PHONE LATER TODAY.

5. INCIDENTALLY, WE CANNOT LOCATE ANY RECORD OF A GUR CONVERSATION WITH VIETS CONCERNING NEUTRALIZATION OF TYRE. CAN YOU GIVE US ANY FURTHER CLUES?
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